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## JOHN BARTLEY ENDS LIFE BY SHOOTING

About 8:30 o'clock Tuesday evening a shot from his own hand ended the life of John Bartley, near Madge, this county. His children were in bed asleep and he awakened the oldest boy and bid him get up, as he wanted to talk to him. He told the little fellow what he was going to do, and where he wanted to be buried and a number of things, and stepped to the door and shot himself.

Staggering to the bed he fell backward and died a few minutes later. His shirt caught fire from the powder and was almost burned from the body. When a neighbor boy got to him he had to pour water on the body to keep the bed from catching fire.

Domestic troubles are said to have been the cause. He was living alone with four small children.

Mr. Bartley came here from Pike county a few years ago with his father Wm. Bartley, who died several months ago.

## FRANCE SENDS MEDAL TO PETE MCCOY, HERO

Pete McCoy, Prestonsburg, has received the Croix de Guerre with palm. The medal arrived at the Lexington army recruiting office Saturday and was forwarded to him Monday. McCoy's citation follows:

"Having been attacked at sunrise by seven Germans, he disabled them, with his bayonet and hand grenades, and made seventeen Germans, who were in a nearby hole, prisoners. While advancing he found a wounded officer and putting him in the hands of another soldier in order to transport him to the rear, continued the advance toward the objective."

## DIES OF INJURIES.

Fred George, of Hitehens, a young man 22 years of age, died Thursday of last week of injuries received at his work in the Borderland, W. Va., coal mines. Mr. George has been released from military service just two months when overtaken by the accident. He served his country for eighteen months in France. He was taken by train to Kenova but died before reaching the hospital. His body was taken to Hitehens for interment.

## EVANGELISTIC MEETING.

Rev. L. E. Williams, evangelist, is to arrive Saturday from Shelbyville. He will preach Sunday morning at the tabernacle on the point and also Sunday afternoon. Class meeting at 2 o'clock.

The meeting will continue throughout the week if the weather permits, all services being held at the tabernacle.

## BLAINE.

Miss Julia Kouns entertained a number of friends Saturday night.

Misses Hazel and Ruth Osborn have gone to Ashland to enter school. Also Miss Blanche Osborn and brother Paul and Herman Berry have gone to Berea to school.

Walter Osborn and family have gone to Ohio.

R. T. Berry lost a very fine mule last week.

T. O. Johnson, wife and daughter Garnet have returned to their home at Portsmouth after spending a few days with friends at this place.

Mrs. Nannie Swetnam is visiting friends and relatives in Louisa this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Wellman took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Alford Smith Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Swetnam and Mrs. Hester Holton were calling on Mrs. Hester Grubb on Irish Creek Monday.

Mrs. J. J. Gambill has returned from Cincinnati where she went to purchase fall millinery. XYZ.

## YATESVILLE

Our little local mines are all running full time and then can't begin to supply the local demand for coal. They are the Riffe mines, the Bentley mines, the Ekers mines and the Chadwick mines, all in full tilt, and still many of the wagonways empty.

At the present time the drilling in the L. E. Bradley well is just exactly at the top of the Berea grit and the driller says he can smell oil on the bit.

We are informed that the well on the land of H. B. Salter will be completed within the next day or two and the drilling of well No. 2 on Conley and Carter is progressing nicely and it will be completed within the next few days.

The farmers are busy cutting corn and making sorghum.

Milton Carter and Lyman Riley are furnishing a great deal of coal to the different oil works in the oil fields.

Charles Carter and a posse of hands has put the pike from here to Louisa in pretty good fix.

Later—the latest report from the L. E. Bradley well is that it is a pretty good gusher.

COUNTRY GREENHORN.

## Marriage of J. L. Smith and Miss Ruth Hatten

A marriage that will interest many people in Wayne and Lawrence counties is that of Mr. J. Lucien Smith and Miss Ruth Hatten, both of Trichard, W. Va. The wedding took place Wednesday at Catlettsburg, and the parties were accompanied there by a brother and sister of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony the couple started for North Dakota to visit Mr. Smith's brother. They will be gone about a month.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. George Hatten, who died recently and who was one of Wayne county's wealthiest and most prominent citizens. She is a bright and handsome young lady, one whom any man might well be proud to claim for a wife.

Mr. Smith is a genial and popular young man, of ample ability and good standing. He has held responsible positions with the Norfolk & Western railroad for several years. His many friends will extend their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

## REV. MULLINS ASKS TO BE RELIEVED

The new pastor appointed for the M. E. Church South, Louisa, probably will not serve this congregation, having asked to be relieved on account of the serious condition of his wife's health. They will go to the home of her parents in West Virginia. Rev. Mullins is said to have been pleased with his appointment to Louisa and regrets very deeply that circumstances compel him to take this step.

Rev. Slaughter will endeavor to secure a transfer for Louisa.

## TRAIN WRECK.

Twelve large cars loaded with coal left the rails at Walbridge, three miles east of Louisa, Sunday afternoon. The wreckage was piled high and all traffic was suspended until sometime Monday. The passenger train Sunday evening was delayed several hours, but a transfer was finally arranged to take the passengers through. Train No. 37 Monday morning was annulled because there was no equipment available above the wreck to use for transfer purposes.

## BOWMAN COMPANY SELLS MANY LOTS

The Bowman Realty Company, of Huntington, conducted a successful auction sale of lots in Louisa on Thursday of last week.

About a month ago that company purchased from J. P. Gartin and M. P. Conley the four acres in west Louisa known as the Brown bottom and this is the tract from which the lots were sold. The entire tract was not disposed of and some of the remaining lots were placed in the hands of Mr. Gartin for sale.

The auction sale was advertised for only a few days. Only a fair sized crowd was present. A brass band from Ashland and a good auctioneer made the music for the occasion.

With the passing of this tract Louisa has no grounds available for baseball games or circuses. This brings us to realize how scarce building lots are getting to be in this town. Very few are on the market and there are no more grounds for cutting into lots.

The Bowman company found 33 applications for families desiring to rent houses in Louisa, showing a demand that should be met as speedily as possible. It is said some of the purchasers of lots referred to above will build houses as soon as possible.

## CIRCUIT COURT BEGINS MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

The Lawrence Circuit Court will convene here October 13. It is probable the term will occupy about four weeks, as the last grand jury made a larger number of indictments than for many years before.

## YOUNG SON OF LEANDER BORDERS DIES

Bennie Borders, age 20, son of Leander Borders, died at the home of his parents, at Georges creek, this county, Wednesday night. We have not learned the particulars.

Otto C. Gartin left Sunday for Lexington to resume his studies in the law department of the University of Kentucky. He was a student there when he enlisted for army service. He went to France and was near the front when the armistice was signed. Since coming home he has been associated in business with his father J. P. Gartin in this city. Lacking only one year of completing the law course he decided to return to college for this year.

A party composed of Mrs. L. S. Johnson, of Frankfort, Mrs. Mary B. Horton, Mrs. Cynthia Stewart, Mrs. A. M. Campbell, Mrs. F. L. Stewart and Misses Vivian Hays and Martha Mayo Stewart drove out to "Highland Home" and enjoyed a watermelon feast with Misses Mattie Wallace and Hermia Northrup last Friday afternoon.

ONE KILLED IN DUEL. Sergeant, Ky.—William Collins was shot and killed, Hiram Hall wounded fatally and another man was wounded slightly when in a fight between Collins and Hall near the Knott county border. The men opened fire about the same time. They fought at a school house.

## BIG TENT MEETING AT LOUISA FRIDAY AND SATURDAY OF THIS WEEK

Following is the program for the important community meetings to be held under a large tent in the public square at Louisa on September 19th and 20th. It is not only a pleasure to bring an evening speaker of wide reputation and the people will make a great mistake if they fail to hear them.

### SEPTEMBER 19th

3:00 P. M.—Piano Selections.....Miss Opal Spencer  
Better Roads.....Redman Wiley, Representative Road Dept.  
Piano Selections.....Miss Opal Spencer  
Home Making.....Dora Sonnenday, Extension Division,  
College of Agriculture  
8:00  
Singing.....Louisa Quartet  
Health is Wealth.....Dr. Milton Board, State Board of Health  
Motion Pictures.....Making of a Nurse; Road Making

### SEPTEMBER 20th

3:00 P. M.—Violin Solo.....Miss Kizzie Burns  
Getting Together.....Geoffrey Morgan, College of Agriculture  
Vocal Solo.....Miss Katherine Freese  
Better Schools.....F. C. Button, State Dept. of Education  
Singing.....Louisa Quartet  
Organizing the Community.....J. M. Felner, Extension Division,  
College of Agriculture  
8:15  
Motion Pictures....."Government Poultry Farm"

### It is a Rare Opportunity.

The local committee has been pulling just a little hard on the bit here of late in their efforts to make a success of this important gathering and has sent out a mass of advertising material.

The committee suggests that country people coming in automobiles and buggies may find it pleasant to bring an evening lunch along to be enjoyed as a picnic between the afternoon and night sessions. The public square affords a nice place for this.

This meeting will give our people a chance to become personally acquainted with representatives of agricultural and other good institutions of the State which we often find it necessary to consult. With a personal acquaintance it is so much easier to write these men about our farm problems and other questions.

This is indeed a rare opportunity. These meetings have been largely attended in other counties and the people who went are most enthusiastic about what they heard.

## Oil Strike in Magoffin County Celebrated

A barbecue was held in Magoffin county Wednesday in celebration of an oil well brought in by the Bed Rock Oil Company, which had been operating in that section of Kentucky for some years with little result. The barbecue was held on the company's lease on Litterals Fork in Magoffin county, and natives from all over the county came to the festival.

The well was shot a few days ago, and began flowing immediately, producing 44 barrels, when it stopped, drying. The next day it flowed to barrels in 15 hours, and has been flowing intermittently since. Much excitement pervades the country side, leases selling as high as \$50 an acre, according to reports.

Bed Rock's work in Magoffin county started in the Tick Lick Creek gas fields, from which they are now furnishing gas to the Central Kentucky Natural Gas Company. Representatives of the Cumberland Pipe Line Co. attended the barbecue, and said the well was a good one.

E. H. Rainey and others, of Salyersville have purchased the 40-acre Sam Collins lease, 2 1/2 miles south of the Litterals Fork well, for about \$20 an acre. Judge Frank Bailey bought a 40-acre tract 1 1/2 miles from the Litterals Fork well for \$2,800. A one-eighth royalty on 20 acres sold for \$5,000, it is said.—Courier Journal.

## MISS LAURA BELLE MILLER MARRIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Announcements of the marriage of Miss Laura Belle Miller have been received by Louisa friends. The wedding took place September 10. She is a handsome and popular young lady of this place. She went to Coatesville, Penn., a few months ago to visit her mother. For several years she had made her home with her grandmother, Mrs. Laura Webb, in Louisa, and is a favorite among her friends. She is also prominent in church affairs.

The following is from a Coatesville paper:

A pretty wedding will take place this afternoon at two, when Mrs. W. T. Terry's daughter, Miss Laura Belle Miller will become the bride of Davis Franklin Barnett. The wedding will be at the home of Mrs. Terry, 212 Walnut street, and Dr. McKinney will officiate.

Miss Miller is a popular girl in her home town of Louisa, Ky., where she held an important position as buyer and milliner in a large department store.

Davis Barnett is a well-known farmer of Kennett Square, and has been commuting to Coatesville, where he is employed by the Midvale Co. During the winter he and his wife will live in Coatesville at 212 Walnut street, but will spend the summer on his farm in Kennett.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Leander Burton Moore, 26, Martha Belle Moore, 20.  
George Washington Fannin, 24, Lucinda Crider, 21.  
Fred See Perry, 19, Violet Branham, 18.

M. J. Robinson, 24, Elsie Wellman, 21.  
Harvey Griffith, 55, Ella Howard, 24.  
Claude Martain, 23, Alice Hopson, 19.  
Samuel Lovins, 49, Minerva Hampton, 50.

## PIE SOCIAL.

There will be a pie social at the Gallup school house Saturday night, Sept. 20. Everybody invited. Proceeds for benefit of school.

ELIZA JANE HARDIN, Teacher.

MRS. WALLACE ENTERTAINS. Mrs. F. T. D. Wallace very delightfully entertained on Tuesday afternoon, her guests including the following: Mrs. L. S. Johnson of Frankfort; Mrs. H. O. Chambers, Mrs. Mary B. Horton, Mrs. G. W. Cantle, Mrs. R. C. McClure and Mrs. Cynthia Stewart.

## Lobaco Company Gets Authority for R. R. Spur

The City Council was asked Wednesday night for the right to put in a railroad siding on Jefferson street, to extend into the Lobaco company's property. The privilege was granted. Orders for Lobaco bread are coming in already, which indicates that a wrong impression is abroad as to when the company will be ready for business. October 15th is the date to which the company is bending its efforts for beginning the manufacture of bread and present prospects indicate that the goal will be reached. Work on the building is going along rapidly and the machinery is nearly all here.

## LOUISA RAISES LICENSE ON STREET CARNIVALS

At a called meeting of the city council Wednesday night the ordinance taxing street carnivals was changed and the license raised to \$100 per day. The new rate takes effect in ten days. This was the result of the epidemic of street fairs in Louisa, three having been here within three weeks. The one that is here now is not affected by the new license.

## FEDERAL ROAD SURVEY BEGUN IN PIKE COUNTY

Frankfort, Ky.—The survey has been started for the Federal highway in Pike county, leading from the West Virginia border to the Johnson county line the initial step in the construction of a May trail up the Big Sandy Valley. Pike county has voted a bond issue and Johnson and other counties in the valley are preparing to vote.

## VISITED WAYNE LODGE.

The following members of Louisa Chapter, No. 95, R. A. M., drove over to Wayne, W. Va., Saturday and attended the meeting of Wayne Chapter: A. M. Hughes, B. J. Chaffin, J. C. Adams, L. E. Cooksey, G. R. Lewis, W. M. Fulkerson, G. R. Burgess, E. L. Wellman and E. K. Spencer. Mr. Weddington also joined the party in Fort Gay. Dr. Lockwood, of Fort Gay, was among the number initiated Saturday night. Refreshments were served by the Wayne chapter.

## ANOTHER RASCAL AFTER SUBSCRIBERS

We have a letter from C. W. Kelley, Joptha, Ky., stating that he had subscribed for the Big Sandy News thru a man giving him the name as Chas. Williams.

This man is a rascal and has no connection with this paper. We have no traveling agent. Do not pay any money to any stranger representing himself as our agent.

We notice the same man is collecting money fraudulently in the name of the Ashland Independent and a Huntington newspaper.

If any reader of this notice should be approached by this man we should like to be notified by wire with a view to having him arrested. This is not the first time a fraudulent agent has collected money in this way.

The Independent offers a reward of \$25 for his arrest and conviction.

## Teachers Association to Meet at Blaine

Program for teachers association to be held at Blaine September 27. 9:30—Song—America.

Welcome Address—A. W. Osborn. Response—Harry Burton.

School Discipline—T. Thompson. Community Interest—G. C. Baker and Levi Streitenberger.

How to Teach Beginners—Association. Primary Geography—Harry Boggs and Anna Young.

The Teachers Federation—Prof. W. M. Byington. Noon Recess.

1:30—Song. Absence and Tardiness—Arthur Morris.

Play and Play Grounds—Russ Cordle and James Green.

The Teachers' duty as a Community Worker—A. W. Osborn and others.

The School Fair—Association. Round Table Discussion thirty minutes—W. S. Boggs, Vice President.

## PRESTONSBURG

Smith-Perry. Mr. George Harrison Perry, of Williamson, W. Va., and Miss Grace Emma Smith, of Garrett, were united in marriage Sept. 2nd. After a short visit to the groom's parents at Dunlow, W. Va., they will go to Williamson where they will make their future home.

Alley-McGuire. Miss Bessie Lee Alley, the cultured and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alley, of this city, was married to Mr. Ferdinand Gose McGuire, a Virginian by birth but a Kentuckian by adoption, and one of the prominent young business men of Prestonsburg.

Salyersville Item. There is some excitement in Salyersville concerning an oil well which is being drilled on the property of Jim Arnett, near Ivyton. Oil was struck, but so far as we can learn no official statement as to the quantity has been made.

## JOHNSON COUNTY VOTING ON ROADS

Johnson county will vote on a bond issue for good roads on Saturday of this week. \$200,000 is the amount proposed. If favorable the money is largely to be used on a road from a point near Flat Gap to Paintsville and then within five miles of Floyd county. Lawrence county is expected to connect with the road near Flat Gap, but unless the officials and public awaken soon the prospects are very remote.

The NEWS believes in a large bond issue, with an advisory board named in advance to help manage the road building. A small issue is not worth while.

## KENTUCKIANS PENSIONED.

A new omnibus pension bill, reported to the House from the Committee on Pensions, carries the following pensions for Kentuckians:

David S. Williams, Index, \$12; James Watson, Salyersville, \$12; Jason Adkins, Malone, \$17; Joseph McClure, Grassy Creek, \$17; William O'Bryan, Staffordville, \$24; Richard L. Davis, Paintsville, \$30.

## SIX GO TO PENITENTIARY

Six prisoners from Wayne county were conveyed to the penitentiary at Moundsville last week. They are: Eustace Ferguson, one year, maiming; Golden Finley and Pearly Frazier, two years each, breaking and entering; Homer Hammock, five years, forgery; Wm. Henderson, two years, breaking and entering; Ransom Munsey, five years, turning angle cock on freight train.

Sam Rule, of Catlettsburg, was granted 60 day stay of sentence to apply for new trial.

## PIKEVILLE

Mrs. McCombs Passed Away. Mrs. M. E. McCombs died Thursday afternoon after being confined to her bed for more than five months. She had a stroke of paralysis on March 25 and has never been able to be out since.

She was 56 years old, was born and reared in this county, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Maynard, deceased. When 24 years old she married Mr. M. E. McCombs and to this union five children were born, two sons and three daughters, two are dead and three living, Miss Virgie McCombs, of this city, Mrs. Hartcock and W. E. of Montana.

Thornbury-Blair. A quiet wedding was solemnized by Rev. Thos. B. Ashley of the First Methodist Church, which united the lives of Mr. W. F. Blair of South Carolina, and Mrs. Vicy Charles Thornbury, widow of the late Dr. L. Q. Thornbury, of Big Rock, Va. Mr. Blair is a popular fireman, and now in the employment of the C. & O. The happy couple left for South Carolina to visit the groom's parents, after which they will perhaps make their home at Elk Horn City.

New Pastor Named. Rev. J. W. Crites of the M. E. Church South, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has been sent to supply the Pikeville church for the ensuing year. He has the reputation of being a fine preacher and devoted to his duties. Rev. J. P. Hopson, who has worked hard and faithful for the past year here, has been sent to Webster Springs, W. Va.

Gollisher-Robinson. Mr. Milton Gollisher, 36, of Dunham, and Miss Verna B. Robinson, 33, of Camden, N. J., were married at the County Clerk's office. They left early Tuesday morning for their home at Dunham.

Harry Hager was badly mangled in the mines at Alta. He was caught between the motor and roof. He was taken to his home at East Point.

U. K. Williams & Son have sold their furniture store, lot and contents to the Home Furniture Co., which is composed of R. G. Wells, Bach Justice and J. K. Charles.

"The Fair" is the name of a new store opened in the old Hager stand on Main street. Sam Stryk and Max Schwager are the proprietors. These men came from Grayson.

A. Carroll Bevins, son of J. Mont Bevins, of Meta, this county, has accepted a position with the Day and Night Bank at Williamson, W. Va.

Mayor J. L. Morgan and Will Bentley, of Catlettsburg, bought the John Bentley Coal Co. at Elk Horn City a handsome price.

The regular meeting of the O. E. S. was held Monday evening. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Hope Wellman, W. M. S. M. Cecil, W. P.; Octavia Hereford, Secretary; Florence Triplett, Treas.; Mary Auxier, Cond.; Rebecca Cecil, A. C.

Mrs. Wm. Myers, of Ashland, and daughter, Mrs. A. P. Gibson, of Hatter, have been visiting Mrs. Warren Cockrill.

Born to Stony Amick and wife, a daughter.

PIE SOCIAL. There will be a pie social at the Fort Gay school building Friday night, Sept. 19th, for the benefit of Fort Gay Junior High School. Everyone cordially invited.

LUCY PETERS, Teacher.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE. The first quarterly conference by the new presiding elder, Rev. C. A. Slaughter, will be held in Louisa, Sept. 28 and 29, in the M. E. Church South.